

B-3260 - B-3263
920-900 William St. (West side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1844-1851

This side of William St. is improved by two long rows of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, all of which are covered with formstone. 912 William St. has been enlarged and now is three stories in height with a shed roof. The first floor area of 920 William St. serves as a corner grocery. 914-920 William St. were built by John S. Gittings as part of his development of the southern section of this block; 900-912 William St. were probably built by William Harman, a local house carpenter, for Sophia Read, who owned the property.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

920 William St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

ACCESSIBLE

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☒ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE
Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, two bay brick house with gable roof is part of the original group of gable roofed houses built along this side of William St. in the 1840's. The house has been covered with formstone and its first floor converted into a store-front.

The house is three stories in height, 16' wide, and occupies a lot 80' deep. The house is two rooms deep with a two story plus attic, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story plus attic, two bay deep rear addition. There is also a later one story high, three bay deep section which not only extends back from the earlier addition but also extends south to border on the sidewalk the entire length of both additions. The house was probably constructed in running bond, but both the William and Hamburg St. facades have been covered with formstone. The low-pitched gable roof had a two-tier brick cornice which is now covered with formstone. There are double rectangular chimneys located along the south end of the house, on both the front and rear roof gables. There is also a double hooded chimney located at the north-west end of the rear addition.

Because of the formstone covering the original treatment of the lintels and sills cannot be determined. It appears, however, that the lintels were flat (either wood or splayed brick); the sills may have been the brick header sills that are now there. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor has been converted into a shop-front, with a modern panel door located in the southernmost bay, flanked by a three-sided projecting bay, with five upper plate glass panels and a lower solid concrete area, set on a formstoned base. There is a projecting isinglass awning with a metal sign above.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1844-1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John S. Gittings

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 106-122 E. Hamburg St.

This house, and the adjoining similar houses at 914-918 William St. were built by John S. Gittings as part of his development of the southern half of the block bounded by Light St., Hamburg St., William St., and Warren Ave. Like the other houses on Hamburg, this house was held by the Gittings family for rental income. Originally, the house was not a combination residential/commercial property as it is today, but purely a residence.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

4/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

LIGHT

WARREN

AVE.

906

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WARREN AL

H.E. WHEELING ST

51

E. WHEELING

E. HAMBURG

COMPTON

SEE SUB PLAN

ST.

WILLIAM

~~920~~
937

B-3260

COMPTON ST.

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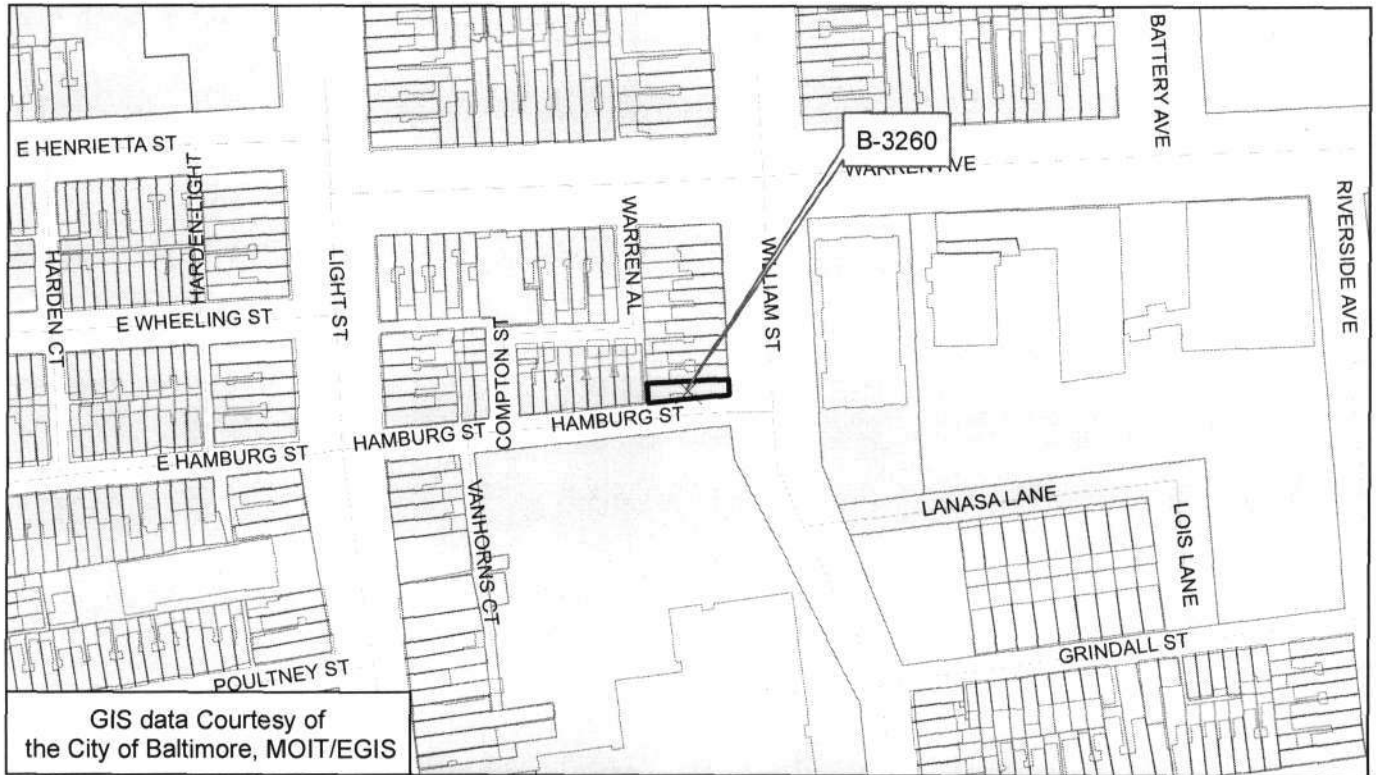
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920 William Street
Block 0919 Lot 011
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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East and south elevations